IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For:	VENT DISC FOR BABY BOTTLE AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURE THEREOF
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of June 10, 2011, for which time to respond has been extended by three (3) months up to and including December 12, 2011. Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will serve to replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-14. (cancelled)

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 41, further comprising forming each of said depressions as hemispherical in shape.

16. (currently amended) A method of forming a plurality of perforations in a concavely curved domed portion of a vent disc, which comprises:

forming a plurality of upwardly extending depressions in an undersurface of said domed portion while leaving a residual of said domed portion above each of said depressions, said depressions each having a centerline, each of said centerlines of said depressions being coincident with a radius that forms a concave curvature of said domed portion; and

forming a slit through each said residual, said slits being resealable and each having a centerline, each of said centerlines of said slits being formed coincident to a corresponding one of said centerlines of said depressions, wherein said slits have a width of about 0.040 to about 0.080 inches, ~~and wherein~~ said domed portion ~~is~~ being elastomeric, said domed portion having 35 to 60 of said slits, said slits being in a pattern on said domed portion having a

series of radial extensions, each of said series of radial extensions having an equal number of said slits.

17 - 24. (cancelled)

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein said slits have a width of about 0.058 to about 0.062 inch.

26. (previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein said slits have a width about 0.060 inch.

27. (withdrawn) The method of claim 16, wherein said step of forming said slits is effected by piercing said domed portion of said vent disc with blades that have an elongated cutting edge formed by angular surfaces.

28. (withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein said angular surfaces are disposed at an angle of about 40 degrees.

29. (withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein said step of forming said slits is effected by driving said blades completely through said residual of said domed portion of said vent disc.

30 – 40. (cancelled)

41. (currently amended) The method of claim 16, wherein said ~~forming of said slits in said vent disc is effected, so that, when said vent disc is seen in top view, said plurality of slits are arranged in a pattern, said pattern having a central area from which radiates outwardly a series of 12~~ radial extensions are 12 radial extensions equally circumferentially angularly spaced 30 degrees from each other, each of said radial extensions having four of said equally radially spaced individual slits.

42. (New) The method of claim 16, wherein said radial extensions are 12 radial extensions.